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Georgia DOT Awards \$2 Million for Local Safety Projects in Southwest Georgia

TIFTON – Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) has announced a \$2,046,000 award for 17 safety projects in 12 counties in Southwest Georgia. The funds are part of the FY 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Off-System Safety (OSS) Program.

Counties receiving awards include Baker, Berrien, Coffee, Decatur, Dougherty, Echols, Grady, Lowndes, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole and Tift. A project list is available below.

Safety is Georgia DOT's number one priority and these awards demonstrate the Department's commitment to assist local governments in improving safety in their communities.

"Last year, Georgia saw the first increase in roadway fatalities in a decade," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurtry, P.E. "Off-system or local roads account for approximately 45 percent of Georgia's motor vehicle fatalities. Reducing these statewide numbers requires a significant investment to enhance safety on local streets and roads. I am pleased that we can assist with the funding for these very critical projects."

The OSS Program focuses on low-cost safety improvements that are likely to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes on city streets and county roads. Eligible projects include raised pavement markers (RPM), rumble strips, pavement markings, edge lines, centerlines, stop bars, signing, chevrons (sign marking for curves), vegetation removal, new or replacement guardrail, traffic signals, roundabouts, advance post-mounted flashing beacons for intersections or school zones, pedestrian improvements and minor shoulder widening.

Projects awarded in Southwest Georgia include:

	LMIG FUNDED OFF SYSTEM SAFETY - FY2016				
	DISTRICT 4				
GDOT District	COUNTY/CITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	FUNDING AMOUNT	
4	BAKER	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ON 12 CR LOCS	STRIPING	\$ 65,000.00	
4	BEN HILL	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 6 CR LOCS	SIGNING, STRIPING & RPM'S	\$ 25,000.00	
4	BERRIEN	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 13 CR LOCS	STRIPING	\$ 92,000.00	
4	COFFEE	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 7 CR LOCS	GUARDRAIL, SIGNING & STRIPING	\$ 110,000.00	
4	CITY OF BAINBRIDGE	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 22 CS LOCS	SIGNING & STRIPING	\$ 38,000.00	
4	DOUGHERTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 34 CR LOCS	SIGNING, RUMBLE STRIPS, GUARDRAIL & SIDEWALKS	\$ 148,000.00	
4	CITY OF ALBANY DOUGHERTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 6 CS LOCS	SIGNING, STRIPING & RPM'S	\$ 73,000.00	
4	ECHOLS	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 7 CR LOCS	STRIPING	\$ 35,000.00	
4	GRADY COUNTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 10 CR LOCS	SIGNING, STRIPING & RPM'S	\$ 178,000.00	
4	LOWNDES COUNTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 2 CR LOCS	SIDEWALK (NEW CONSTRUCTION) & SHOULDER PAVING	\$ 300,000.00	
4	CITY OF VALDOSTA	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 2 CS LOCS	SIDEWALK	\$ 300,000.00	
4	LOWNDES COUNTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON PALMER ST	SIDEWALK (NEW CONSTRUCTION)	\$ 185,000.00	
4	CITY OF PELHAM MITCHELL COUNTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 15 CR LOCS	SIGNING & STRIPING	\$ 157,000.00	
4	RANDOLPH COUNTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 16 CS LOCS	SIGNING	\$ 10,000.00	
4	CITY OF SHELLMAN	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 12 CR LOCS	STRIPING & RPM'S	\$ 90,000.00	
4	SEMINOLE COUNTY	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON 11 CS LOCS	GUARDRAIL (NEW INSTALLATION)	\$ 65,000.00	
4	CITY OF DONALSONVILLE	SAFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ON 11 CS LOCS	SIDEWALK & STRIPING	\$ 65,000.00	
4	TIFT COUNTY	AFETY OFF-SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ON TY TY-SPARKS R	WIDENING	\$ 175,000.00	
			17 Projects TOTAL	\$ 2,046,000.00	

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